

REMARKS

Claims 3, 8, 11-12, 15, 19, 21, 24, 28-29, 31, and 34 are amended, claims 1, 13-14, 17, and 27 are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 2-12, 15-16, 18-26, and 28-36 are now pending in this application.

Applicant has amended claim 3, 8, 11-12, 15, 19, 21, 24, 28-29, 31, and 34 to correct antecedent basis issues only. Because such corrections to antecedent basis merely clarify subject matter already recited in the claim, such corrections are believed to be non-narrowing.

Rejection of Claims 1, 13-14, 17, and 27

The Office action on page 2 states that claims 1, 13-14, 17, and 27 have been rejected. Claims 1, 13-14, 17, and 27 have been canceled, and therefore the rejection is moot. Applicant cancels claims 1, 13-14, 17, and 27 without prejudice or disclaimer and reserves the right to reintroduce them in a continuation application at a later date.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-12, 15-16, 18-26, and 28-36 were allowed.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 371-2109 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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